



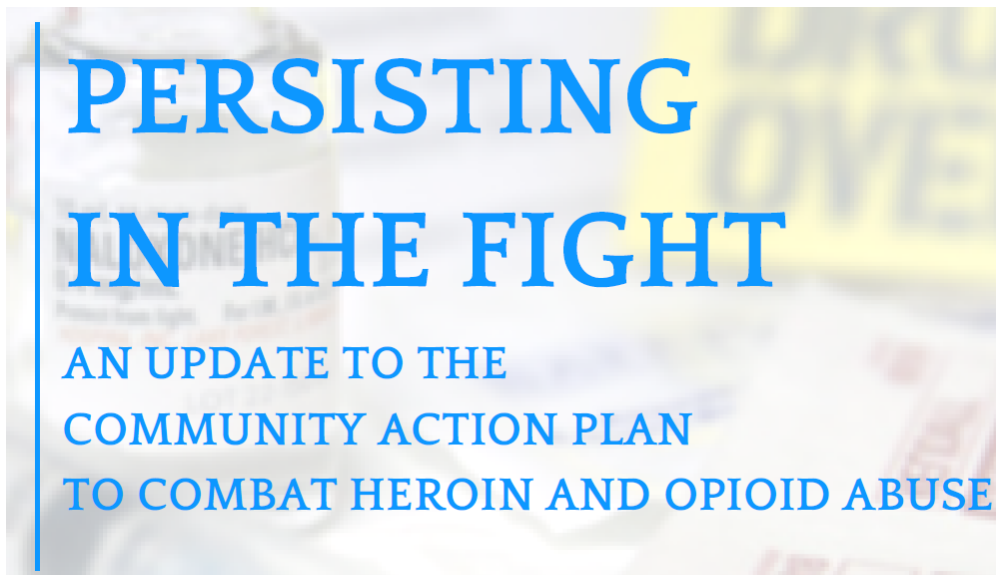
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## New Report: Persisting in the Fight against Heroin and Opioid Abuse



Our community has made good progress fighting the heroin and opioid plague since our Community Leadership Forum in 2014, but more work needs to be done. Last summer I brought together issue and patient advocates, law enforcement, treatment centers and government officials.

Visit my website to read my new report to learn where we are, what's working and where we go from here: <http://hultgren.house.gov/heroin>

## Higher Education Advisory Committee Meetings

Students come first at our community colleges, the essential training grounds for our future workers in digital manufacturing, nursing, construction, aerospace, dentistry, computing programming and much more. Members of my Higher Education Advisory Committee, including Presidents and Trustees from our local community colleges, visited my office to discuss key programs including Pell grants, Perkins Loans and MAP grants.

Colleges represented included: Elgin Community College, Joliet Junior College, Waubonsee Community College, College of DuPage and the College of Lake County.



(Rep. Hultgren meets with Dr. Christine Sobek, President of Waubonsee Community College)



(Rep. Hultgren with Dr. Judy Mitchell, President of Joliet Junior College; second from left)

## Reintroducing Legislation to Bolster Illinois Manufacturing.

Manufacturing facilities employ more than 27,000 workers across our district, and they are ready for the challenge of increasing engagement in our global and technology-based economy.

Along with Democrat Richard Neal (MA-01) [I have reintroduced the Modernizing American Manufacturing Bonds Act \(MAMBA\) of 2017, H.R. 1115](#). My bipartisan, bicameral bill updates decades-old policies governing a key tool that manufacturers use to expand operations and hire more workers.

Here's what Illinois manufacturers are saying:

**Eric Anderberg, Dial Machine in Rockford:** "I know first-hand the power of industrial development bonds, a proven private-public tool to encourage capital investment, create jobs and increase the competitiveness of American manufacturers. But I also know that **few of us wear the same clothes, have the same haircuts or drive the same cars as we did in 1986. Sadly, federal law regarding industrial development bonds remains stuck in 1986** and has not kept up with the needs of 21st century American manufacturing...MAMBA will give small and mid-sized American



manufacturers a capital financing tool to create jobs and compete in 2017, not 1986.”

**Mark Denzler, Illinois Manufacturers’ Association:** “On behalf of the Illinois Manufacturers’ Association and our thousands of member companies across our State, I applaud Congressman Randy Hultgren and Congressman Richard Neal for introducing the Modernizing American Manufacturing Bonds Act...(which) will help bring good jobs back to America’s shores and help expand today’s manufacturing renaissance in Illinois and across the country.”

Let's get this into law!



(Courtesy Kendall County Now)

Every time I visit one of the many flourishing manufacturers in the 14th District, I am amazed by the innovation that’s taking place right here in Illinois.

[Click here to read about my visit to Aurora Specialty Textiles Group](#)

which has a rich history of manufacturing and continued job creation and expansion in the Yorkville area.

## Healthcare Update: Protecting Americans with Pre-Existing Conditions

Many residents in Illinois suffer from costly and life-threatening conditions and fear losing insurance if coverage for pre-existing provisions is repealed. That’s why I have cosponsored [H.R. 628, the Guaranteed Health Coverage for Pre-Existing Conditions Act of 2017](#). As Congress moves forward in its efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act and replace it with a system that offers people in my district more health insurance choices with lower premiums and more

affordable deductibles, this bill would cement in law that individuals with pre-existing health conditions and their families maintain access to meaningful, affordable health insurance. When it comes to health reform, we need to be forward-thinking, free market-focused and compassionate.

I am meeting with and talking to healthcare experts, providers, hospitals, doctors, patients and many more of you all—my constituents—to ensure the replacement plan for the ACA serves Illinois residents best. I have heard from many of you but for those I haven't yet heard from, please call or email my office. I want to hear from you!

In case you missed it, I answered some of your top healthcare and Affordable Care Act/ACA/Obamacare-related questions: <https://youtu.be/jvgaMuaCSAE>

## My Take on Russian Involvement into American Affairs

I remain very concerned at Russian interference into American affairs, which is why I support the continued bipartisan House Intelligence Committee investigation into Russian activities. Both Chairman Nunes (R-CA) and Ranking Member Schiff (D-CA) [this week have agreed to increase its investigative scope](#) to include “active measures campaign targeting the 2016 U.S. election,” as well as “possible leaks of classified information.”

They will seek to answer:

- What Russian cyber activity and other active measures were directed against the United States and its allies?
- Did the Russian active measures include links between Russia and individuals associated with political campaigns or any other U.S. Persons?
- What was the U.S. Government's response to these Russian active measures and what do we need to do to protect ourselves and our allies in the future?
- What possible leaks of classified information took place related to the Intelligence Community Assessment of these matters?

As both Chairman Nunes and Ranking Member Schiff both agreed, they will follow all of the evidence wherever it leads.

Attorney General Sessions did the right thing by recusing himself from any Department of Justice investigation into the 2016 campaign after having his integrity challenged over his official meeting with the Russian ambassador.

## My Take on the President's Joint Address

I recorded my reaction to President Trump's bold, optimistic Joint Address to Congress immediately after it concluded.



(Click picture to watch video)

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## Mourning Bob Michel

Former Illinois Congressman Bob Michel defined public service and bipartisanship during his long tenure. Building relationships across the aisle and promoting civility in legislative debate helped move legislation through the House chamber. A son of Illinois and a war hero who landed at Utah Beach on D-Day, Bob was a giant in public service for decades. He will be missed, and I join with his family in mourning their loss and celebrating his rich life.

Read more about Bob Michel

here: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/obituaries/ct-bob-michel-dead-20170217-story.html>

If you haven't already, be sure to [like my Facebook page](#), follow me on Twitter ([@RepHultgren](#)), or [check out my YouTube page](#) to stay informed on everything I'm doing on your behalf in Washington and in Illinois.

In Your Service,



*Randy Hultgren  
Member of Congress  
14th District, Illinois*

## Randy in the News

- [Congressional Leaders Seek Release of American Pastor Unjustly Detained in Turkey](#) (Press Release)
- [Congressman Randy Hultgren on Jobs, Regulations, and Stopping Sex Trafficking](#) (WROK Newstalk 1440)
- [Hultgren co-sponsors bill to assist Americans with pre-existing conditions](#) (Lake County Gazette)
- [Hultgren named co-chairman for human rights panel](#) (Kendall County Now)
- [Hultgren updates work on heroin, opioid abuse in new report](#) (Kane County Chronicle)
- [Late Bob Michel a paragon of good government](#) (Chicago Sun-Times)
- [Officials to discuss veterans health care](#) (Aurora Beacon-News)
- [Op-ed: By Investing in Science, Trump Can Strengthen the Economy](#) (New York Times)
- [Op-ed: Tax Reform & Infrastructure Investments Go Hand In Hand](#) (The Daily Caller)
- [Rep. Hultgren calls Trump's executive order on refugees 'overly broad'](#) (Kendall County Now)
- [Roskam, Hultgren applaud Michael Flynn's resignation](#) (Daily Herald)

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